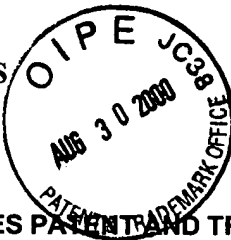


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Transmitted herewith for filing in the present application are the following documents:

- Copy of Notice to File Missing Parts Mailed June 12, 2000;
- Declaration and Power of Attorney for Hammond and Wiltshire;
- Declaration and Power of Attorney for Carbonell and Shen;
- Petition for 1 Month Extension of Time;
- Check No. 6611 in the amount of \$65 to cover surcharge for late filing fee;
- Check No. 6596 in the amount of \$55 for the one month extension of time;
- Statement Claiming Small Entity Status for V.I. Technologies;
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- Return Postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 50-0311, Reference No. 18242-507 (VI-7). A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned collect at (617) 542-6000, Boston, Massachusetts.

Respectfully submitted,

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- **The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.**

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